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SUBJECT : TRAINING AT NASA FOR GOB EMPLOYEE

1. WILLIAM MCGAUGH, AMCIT ADVISOR TO BAHRAIN'S PUBLIC TRANSPORT DIRECTOR, HAS ASKED OUR ASSISTANCE IN CLEARING NASA TRAINING PROGRAM FOR MR. ALI EBRAHIM AL-JUFAIRI, AN EMPLOYEE IN THE DIRECTORATE. JUFAIRI IS SCHEDULED TO DEPART LATE AUGUST AT GOB EXPENSE TO ATTEND BERVARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN COCOA, FLORIDA TO STUDY THE FIELD OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT. MCGAUGH HAS OBTAINED INFORMAL AGREEMENT OF MR. SIGFRIED CARLSON OF NASA FOR BERVARD TO ARRANGE AN ON-JOB TRAINING PROGRAM FOR JUFAIRI AT THE NASA INSTALLATION ON MERRIT ISLAND.

2. MCGAUGH'S UNDERSTANDING FROM CARLSON IS THAT, IN ORDER TO FORMALIZE THIS ARRANGEMENT, THE DIRECTORATE MUST REQUEST DEPARTMENT AND NASA PERMISSIO FOR JUFAIRI TO WORK WITH NASA AT MERRIT ISLAND ON A NON-COMPENSATED BASIS. GOB MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT AND ENGINEERING SEVICES (PUBLIC TRANSPORT DIRECTORATE) HAS NOW FORMALLY REQUESTED THIS APPROVAL.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE IN CLEARING THIS ARRANGEMENT WITH NASA AND OBTAINING WHATEVER SORT OF FORMAL APPROVAL MIGHT BE REQUIRED. CONSISTENCY THIS PROGRAM WITH OVERALL U.S. OBJECTIVES IN BAHRAIN IS OBVIOUS. EMBASSY INTENDS TO HANDLE JUFAIRI STRICTLY AS STUDENT VISA CASE SINCE HIS PARTICIPATION WITH NASA WILL BE ESSENTIALLY INFORMAL AND WITHOUT COMPENSATION.

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